

May 1, 2017

The Harper County Board of Commissioners met in regular session, with Chairman Brian Waldschmidt calling the meeting to order to Commissioners Lee Adams and Carla Pence. Also in attendance was Melinda McCurley, Recording Secretary.

Major Weiss was present for public comment regarding an EMS transfer call that was delayed on Friday. The Board will address the issue with EMS to ensure that the situation is taken care of.

Commissioner Adams motioned to approve benefits withholding in the amount of \$149,165.17; approved unanimously.

At 9:15 a.m. Commissioner Pence motioned to enter into executive session for confidential data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of corporations, partnerships, trusts and individual proprietorships, with Melinda McCurley, and reconvene in this room at 9:30 a.m.; approved unanimously. The meeting returned to open session at 9:30 a.m. Commissioner Adams motioned to approve Community Development Grant application 2017-08 for equipment purchase and 2017-09 for equipment repair/upgrade; approved unanimously.

Melinda McCurley left the meeting at 9:32 and Kelsie Murphy, Deputy County Clerk took over recording secretary duties.

Todd Pettegrew, EM and Dispatch, department update, spoke about funding for NIXEL the emergency notification system. The total cost of the program is \$15,500 over three years. There was discussion about staffing in the dispatch center.

John McClure, Road and Bridge/Noxious Weeds/Solid Waste, provided contract that was approved by County Attorney for dozer lease. Commissioner Waldschmidt was authorized to sign the lease. There was discussion about the two bids for Phase 3 of the hard surfacing road plan. Commissioner Pence motioned to approve the bid from Andale Construction for \$4,290,355.68 to be paid for from the Capital Improvement Fund; approved unanimously. The other bidder couldn't offer any warranty with their work. There was preliminary discussion about Phase 4 for 2018.

The landfill is needing to purchase some small tools/equipment that were lost in the fire. It was the consensus of the Board to replace the air compressor and water pump.

Joanna Kenney, EMS, department update. There is increasing difficulty in finding staff available for call back status. Further discussion will need to be held with staff and HR to find a solution. Joanna provided April call stats and updates on vehicle maintenance.

John McClure entered the meeting with additional information regarding noxious weed spraying and maps provided.

Ami DeLacerda, HR, presented status forms for Road and Bridge and Sheriff's Office to fill full time Office Assistant position. There was discussion regarding Tracy's request to add an additional part time clerical position.

At 11:15 a.m. Commissioner Pence motioned to enter into executive session for non-elected personnel to protect the privacy of the individual being discussed with Ami DeLacerda and reconvene in this room at 11:30 a.m.; approved unanimously. At 11:30 a.m. Commissioner Adams motioned to extend the executive session for 5 minutes, approved unanimously. The meeting returned to open session at 11:35 a.m. with no binding action taken.

Melinda McCurley returned to the meeting at 11:35 a.m. and resumed Recording Secretary duties.

Pam Hoover, Meadowlark Ceramics, gave an overview of their programs. Citizens can come to the center and utilize the kiln and paint for free. The programs offered are important to the community, especially the senior citizens, to have social interaction. The Board encouraged the group to contact the Harper County Foundation for any assistance with grant opportunities.

Commissioner Adams motioned to approve the regular meeting minutes of April 24, 2017; approved unanimously.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:17 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, May 8, 2017 at 9 a.m. in the Courthouse Commissioner Room.

APPROVED



Brian Waldschmidt, Chair

ATTEST:



Melinda McCurley
Recording Secretary